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up, it's easy for them to maintain the computer records to send you endless catalogs, it is easy for them to sell your name to other people. It is easy for them to tell other people what you have bought so that they know whether they should send you a catalog. It is easy for them to do what is commercially to their advantage, where it may not be easy, quote easy, for them to do what is for the advantage of the state of Nebraska and all of its citizens.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd kind of like to give you just a little point of view from the retailers side. Is there anyone in the body right now that has to file a sales tax return for the state of Nebraska? I don't believe there is. I think I'm the only one here. Been doing that for almost 30 years. When the sales tax was first introduced in Nebraska, of course everyone...seeing ex-Governor Tiemann here, yesterday, it brought back memories of conversations with some of my customers about the sales tax and income tax. I won't mention what most of them said. But needless to say, back then the retailers were...there was a sales tax on food, all food, anything you could eat, now it's the other way around, anything you can't eat there's sales tax on. It's just made a flip-flop. But we were, the retailers were paid, at that time, a 3 percent collection fee on the amount of tax that they collected for the state of Nebraska; now it's under a half a percent. And I just put my colleagues on notice that if, in the near future, if we put a sales tax back on food, my industry will be here on their big white horse telling you, we want that sales tax collection back where it was when we collected these millions of dollars for the state of Nebraska. And I don't believe that we should be put at a disadvantage of having to fill this out when retailers outside, or wholesalers, or whatever you want to call them, vendors from outside the state can sell their merchandise in this state and say, so what? Or when somebody calls you on the telephone at ten o'clock in the evening selling you siding that they don't...you don't have to pay a sales tax on, or you can get away with. I think there has to be some accountability somewhere for people doing business in the state of Nebraska.